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POLITICAL ANALYSIS: CAMBODIA: THE THAI AND VIETNAMESE
BALANCING ACT

1. THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
FIRST OFFICIAL LAO VISIT TO PHNOM PENH SINCE THE CHANGES
IN GOVERNMENT IN CAMBODIA AND LAOS PROBABLY IS INDICATIVE
OF THE BALANCING POLICY CAMBODIA IS LIKELY TO PURSUE IN THE
AREA. IN THE COMMUNIQUE, ISSUED ON DECEMBER 18, CAMBODIA
FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY SUPPORTED LAOS AND VIETNAM IN
THEIR DEMANDS THAT THE THAI GOVERNMENT CLOSE THE REMAINING
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US MILITARY BASES IN THAILAND. CAMBODIA DID NOT JOIN THEM,

HOWEVER, IN INSISTING THAT THE THAI RETURN US MILITARY EQUIPMENT REMOVED TO THAILAND BY CAMBODIAN, LAO, AND VIETNAMESE ESCAPEES.

2. THE COMMUNIQUE, STUDDERED WITH OVER A HALF-DOZEN REFERENCES TO "US IMPERIALISM," STATED THAT

(A)--A THREAT TO THE PEACE AND SECURITY OF LAOS AND CAMBODIA WILL EXIST AS LONG AS THERE ARE US MILITARY BASES AND LAO AND CAMBODIAN "TRAITORS" (I.E., REFUGEES FROM THE NON-COMMUNIST REGIMES) IN THAILAND;

(B)--THE US SHOULD WITHDRAW ALL MILITARY BASES FROM THAILAND AND NO REMNANTS OF THE LAO AND CAMBODIAN "TRAITORS" SHOULD BE ALLOWED IN THAILAND.

3. CAMBODIA'S SUPPORT OF VIETNAM'S POSITION ON THE ISSUE THAT THE VIETNAMESE PERCEIVE AS THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN HANOI AND BANGKOK--US MILITARY BASES--MAY HAVE BEEN OCCASIONED BY

(A)--A DESIRE TO EARN CREDIT WITH HANOI WITHOUT FALLING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE VIETNAMESE;

(B)--RESENTMENT THAT US BASES IN THAILAND WERE USED EARLIER IN SUPPORT OF THE FORMER KHMER REPUBLIC;

(C)--CONCERN THAT THESE FACILITIES MIGHT BE USED TO SUPPORT ANTI-COMMUNIST CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE.

4. IN CONTRAST, CAMBODIA'S FAILURE TO SUPPORT THE LAO AND VIETNAMESE ON THE ISSUE OF THE RETURN OF US MILITARY EQUIPMENT MAY BE DUE TO

(A)--CAMBODIA'S DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH BANGKOK; THE THAI GOVERNMENT VIEWS THIS ISSUE AS A PRINCIPAL IMPEDIMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM;

(B)--CAMBODIA'S ASSESSMENT THAT IT DOES NOT NEED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LIMITED AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF THE FORMER KHMER GOVERNMENT NOW IN THAILAND AND THEREFORE SEES NO ADVANTAGE IN NOW RAISING AN ISSUE ON WHICH IT HAS SO FAR BEEN COMPLETELY MUTE. KISSINGER

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